EPA and USACE Proposed Revisions to the 2015 WOTUS Rule

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Scheduling of Proposed WOTUS Rule Revision







Rule Posted in Federal Register (2/14/2019)



60 Day Comment Period (Ends 4/15/19)

Federal Public Meeting Dates:

2/26 Kansas City, MO

3/11 Atlanta, GA

3/26 Albuquerque, NM

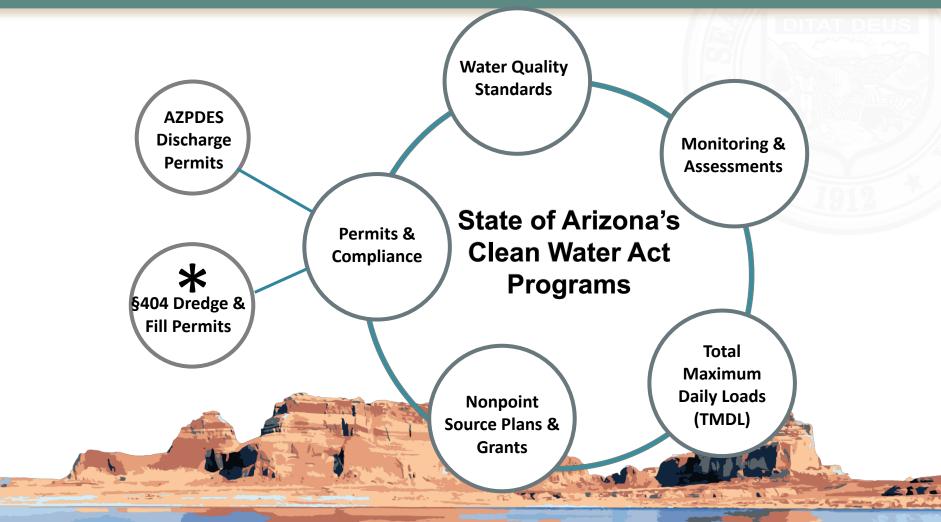
Why Propose a Revision?





Clean Water Act in Arizona



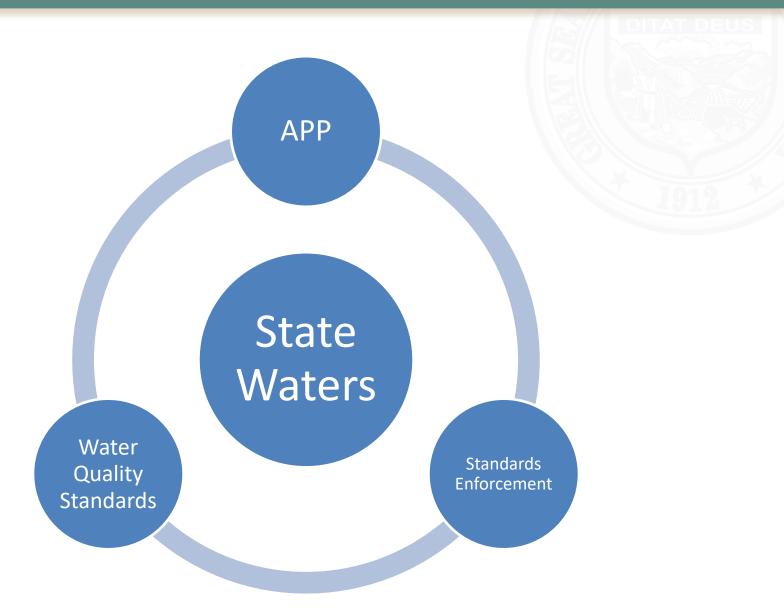


* Currently administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The State of Arizona is pursuing assumption of this program.

Existing Authorities to Protect Waters of the State





Current WOTUS Rule in Arizona





Traditionally Navigable Waters and Adjacent Wetlands

Perennial and Intermittent Tributaries and Certain Wetlands





Tributaries and Wetlands with a Significant Nexus

Federal Goals of the Proposed Rule Revision





Balance Between Federal and State Waters



Preserve State Sovereignty



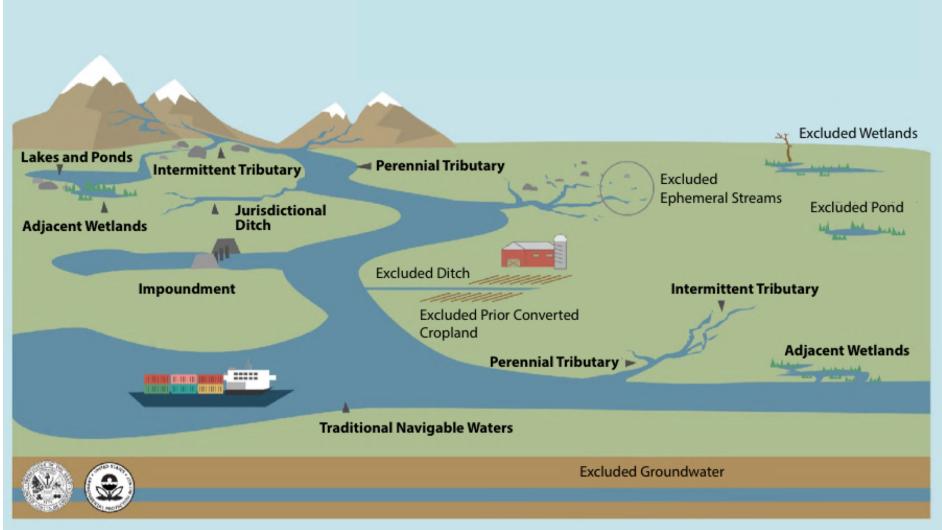
Meet objectives of Clean Water Act



Clarity and Predictability

Proposed Revised Definition

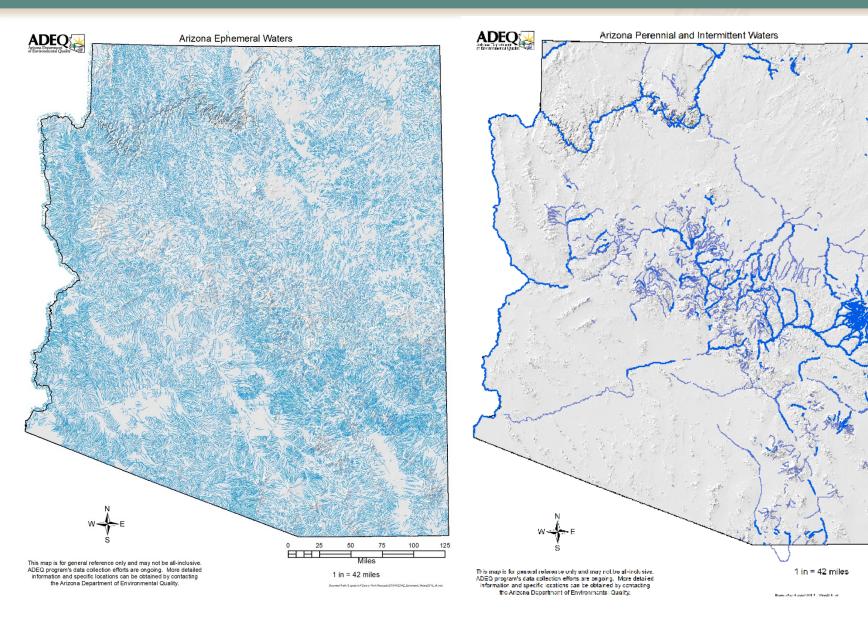




^{*} For illustrative purposes only. Proposed jurisdictional waters in **bold.**

Arizona Waters





Governor Ducey on Waters of the State



"In regard to a reduced scope of federal regulation under the CWA, Arizona recognizes and welcomes the need to protect non-WOTUS state surface waters."

Governor Doug Ducey Letter to EPA June 16, 2017

What are your concerns and comments?



How does the proposed WOTUS rule revision benefit Arizona?

Does the proposed WOTUS rule revision pose a risk to Arizona? If so, what is the risk?

Are there any issues not addressed by the rule revision or are not clear?

